(e) No, Sir.

Measures taken to defend borders along Bangladesh, Myanmar and Bhutan

†*352. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Government to protect the border areas adjoining Myanmar, Bangladesh and Bhutan; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to improve relations with these neighbouring countries and to control the terrorists engaged in anti-India activities?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The Government has taken all necessary and appropriate measures to safeguard the sovereignty and territorial integrity of India. The Government has strengthened relations with the neighbouring countries through the policy of good neighbourly cooperation and constructive engagements.

Regular discussions regarding anti-Indian activities by the terrorists in Bangladesh and Myanmar, take place with both these countries at the political and operational level. The Government of India and Bhutan remain in constant touch and are extending necessaray cooperation to each other. The government of Bhutan has reiterated that they would not allow their territory to be misused against the interest of India.

Recommendations of Law Commission on detection and deportation of illegal migrants

*353. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission has made any recommendations for early detection and deportation of illegal immigrants in consultation with concerned agencies;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Centre has considered the recommendations of the Law Commission; and

(d) whether Government have now decided to introduce any Bill in this behalf?

THE MJNISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) The Government had referred the Foreigners (Amendment) Bill, 1998 to the Law Commission seeking its recommendations. The Law Commission gave its report in September, 2000. The main suggestions made by the Commission with regard to detection and deportation of illegal migrants in the country included establishment of Immigration Tribunals, establishment of Special Courts, creation of a separate Immigration Cadre, enhancement of penalty of imprisonment for the violation of the provisions of the Foreigners Act from the existing maximum of five years to eight years.

The Government has accepted the recommendation relating to enhancement of penalty which already finds a place in the Foreigners (Amendment) Bill, 1998. Government has not felt it necessary to incorporate the other amendments. It has, therefore, been decided to pursue the Bill already introduced in the Rajya Sabha.

Uplifting of BPL families under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana

†*354. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring each family under "Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana"; and

(b) if so, the number of families in the muzaffarpur district of

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